the Tourism Industry in Kerala reported over 25% growth in profits during 2004-05.

(b) The objective of the survey was to review the performance of five key sectors in each of the Southern States for the year 2004-05 and forecast outlook for 2005-06, identify bottlenecks and recommend measures for accelerating growth.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) As per the information received from Cll, tourism sector was taken up for study only in the States fo Kerala and Pondicherry, and reports have been sent to State Governments. Major findings in the two States were as under: -

SI.No	Factor	Tourism Industry view for 2004-05	
		Kerala	Pondicherry
0)	Inflow of Tourists	Increased (Upto 10%)	Increased (15-20%)
(ii)	Foreign Exchange	Increased (15-20%)	Increased (15-20%)
(iii)	Profits	Increased (over 25%)	Increased (upto 10%)
(iv)	Employment	Increased (Upto 15%)	Increased (15-20%)

Development of tourism in Uttaranchal

209. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttaranchal propose to go all-out to develop its tourism sector for economic prosperity of the area;

(b) if so, the details of their action plan;

(c) the details of financial and other help that has been rendered to the State to achieve the objective;

(d) whether Government also propose to extend such help to the cash-strapped Orissa to exploit its tourism potential to improve its economy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKACHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 20 year perspective plan on Uttaranchal has made an assess ment of basic infrastructure in the State. The various programmes/projects suggested are:—

(i) Promotion of eco-spiritual religious, yoga and adventurous tourism including Glacier tourism at Pindari glacier in Bageswar district,

(ii) Health Spa in Gwaldam in Kumaon and Garhwal region,

(iii) Helicopter ride from Joshimath for view of Himalayan Ranges and Valley of Flowers,

(iv) Development of infrastructure at Auli as a Ski destination,

(v) Winter sports in Bedni Bugwal in Chamoli,

(vi) Meditation centres along the course of Alaknanda,

(vii) Model village depicting the cultural heritage and natural environment,

(viii) Camping facilities between Mastura and Mandal along Badrinath-Kedarnath route,

(ix) Yoga and Meditation centre at Dehradun,

(x) Health Hermitage in Muketeshwar,

(xi) Lansdowne as an alternative Hill station,

(xii) Development of Munsiyari as a Centre for winter sports,

(xiii) Bungee Jumping in Pithoragarh,

(xiv) Lake tourism in New Tehri,

(xv) Yoga and meditation centre at Uttar Kashi, etc.

Besides, Master Plan for development of eco-tourism in the valley of flowers and Hemkunt-Belt has been prepared through M/s TCS.

(c) to (e) The details of financial assistance sanctioned/released for development of tourism infrastructure in Uttaranchal and Orissa during the last three years are as per Statement I and Statement II.

Statement-I

Details of financial assistance sanctioned/released for development of tourism in Uttaranchal

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of project/scheme sanctioned in Uttaranchal	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1.	Rural Tourism Project at Jageshwar	50.00	40.00
2.	Development of Haridwar-Rishikesh as a Tourist Destination	557.50	557.50
3.	Artist Camp at Dehradun 2003-04	5.00	4.00
1.	Mounting of SEL at Haridwar on the bank of the river Ganga	192.00	173.00
2.	Upgradation of existing Tourist Rest House at Pipalkoti	21.14	21.14
3.	Vasant Festival	15.00	15.00
4.	Kumaom Festival, 2002 2004-05	2.30	2.30
1.	Development of Dayara Bugyal under Tourist Circuit	536.36	429.08
2.	Development of Pithoragarh-Munsiyari-Berinag in Kumaon under destination development	418.60	334.88
3.	Development Pauri-Khirshu-Lansdowne under destination development	457.93	361.60
4.	Integrated Development of Badrinath Dham Travel Circuit	702.09	561.67
5.	Tourism Networking with INTERNET through WAN (Wide area Network) in 30 Tourist Rest Houses and 10 regional Offices	50.00	40.00
6.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at Village Mana Chamoli Distt.	20.00	16.00

Statement-II

Details of Financial assistance sanctioned/released for development of Tourism in Orissa

(Rs. in lakh)

SI.No	. Name of project/scheme sanctioned in Orissa 2002-03	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1.	Rural Tourism Project at Raghurajpur	50.00	40.00
2.	Computerisation of office and its	7.50	3.75
	Groups 2003-04		
1.	Development of Puri as a Tourist Destination (ITDC) (Dest. Dev.)	394.55	118.00
2.	Konark Festival, 2002	5.00	5.00
3.	Folk Dance Festival, 2003-04	5.00	400
4.	Rajarani Music Festival, 2003-04	5.00	4.00
5.	Buddha	10.00	8.00
	Mahotsav 2004-		
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda)	488.51	391.00
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa	740.67	592.52
3.	Shreekshetra Vasant Festival at Puri	15.00	12.00
4.	Kheravala Festival, 2004-05	5.00	4.00
5.	GOI-UNDP EndogenourTourism Project at village Pipli in Puri Distt.	20.00	10.00
6.	Development of Village Raghurajpur in Puri Distt.	50.00	40.00
7.	Development of village Pipli in Puri Distt.	17.30	14.00

Development of pilgrim spots in Nagaland

210. SHRI TR. ZELIANG: Wiil the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop pilgrim spots as major tourist attraction in the State of Nagaland;